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Identical letters dated 3 June 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to draw your attention to an alarming development in our region. On 2 June 2014, the early morning quiet was shattered when a 122-mm rocket was launched from Syria into the Israeli Hermon. This unprovoked attack, which was in clear violation of the 1974 separation of forces agreement, barely averted a disaster as the rocket landed a mere 300 metres from the local headquarters of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force.

For the past three years, the Assad regime has held Syria hostage — fuelling a bloody and protracted civil war. Rather than overseeing today's sham presidential election, Bashar al-Assad should loosen his suffocating stronghold on the Syrian people.

Israel has repeatedly issued warnings and sent letters to the Security Council cautioning that the provocations on the part of Syria will not be tolerated. The unrelenting attacks on northern Israel have the potential to escalate tensions and further destabilize the region.

Israel has shown maximum restraint thus far. I urge the Security Council to address this development before the situation further escalates. Both bodies must immediately call upon the Syrian Government to respect the separation of forces agreement and ensure the security of both Israel and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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